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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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ICCAT Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and the Highly Migratory Species Management Division of National Marine Fisheries Service announces the schedule of regional public meetings to be held this fall.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times of the hearings.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for locations of the meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Blankenbeker, (301) 713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. Monday, September 16, 1996, 6 to 10 p.m.—West Palm Beach Omni Hotel, 1601 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406;
2. Tuesday, September 17, 1996, 6 to 10 p.m.—Quality Inn Midtown, 3900 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119;
3. Friday, October 18, 1996, 6 to 10 p.m.—World Trade Center, 164 Northern Avenue, Boston, MA 02210;
4. Saturday, October 19, 1996, 7 to 10 p.m.—Suffolk Community College, Shinnecock Building, Room S-101, Speonk/Riverhead Road, Riverhead, NY 11901;
5. Monday, October 21, 1996, 6 to 10 p.m.—Quality Inn Lake Wright Convention Center, 6280 Northampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502;
6. Tuesday, October 22, 1996, 6 to 10 p.m.—Belmar Municipal Courtroom, 601 Main Street, Belmar, NJ 07719; and
7. The annual ICCAT Advisory Committee Meeting will be held in Silver Spring, MD, November 6-8, 1996. There will be an additional opportunity for public comment on international issues on Wednesday, November 6 from

2-6 p.m. at NOAA Building 2, Room 2358, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

The following topics may be discussed:

International Issues:

- (1) Background on ICCAT
- (2) Information on the Advisory Committee and Commissioners
- (3) Status of Highly Migratory Species Managed by ICCAT
- (4) Topics for the 1996 ICCAT Annual Meeting

Domestic Issues:

- (1) Upcoming Highly Migratory Species Rulemaking Actions
 - (2) Regional Concerns/Issues
- The meetings may be lengthened or shortened based on the progress of the discussions. The first half of each meeting will be dedicated to international issues, followed by domestic issues. Representatives from the U.S. ICCAT Advisory Committee and NMFS will be in attendance. For each issue, there will be an opportunity for public comment. The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kim Blankenbeker at (301) 713-2347 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 10, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (P617)

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; and Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Interior.

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Madonna L. Moss, 1218 Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1218, has applied in due form for a permit to take marine mammals for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 17, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for locations).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222) and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant requests a permit to salvage carcasses to be processed to obtain osteological specimens (bones and teeth) for the comparative collection of animal bones in the Department of Anthropology. Samples from the following species will be obtained from beached/stranded animals or carcasses left behind by Native Alaskan subsistence hunters: Harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*), Walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*), Guadelupe fur seal (*Arctocephalus townsendi*), Northern fur seal (*Callorhinus ursinus*), Steller sea lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*), California sea lion (*Zalophus californianus*), Bearded seal (*Erignathus barbatus*), Northern elephant seal (*Mirounga angustirostris*), Ribbon seal (*Phoca fasciata*), Ringed seal (*Phoca hispida*), Larga (spotted) seal (*Phoca largha*), Harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*) and Sea otter (*Enhydra lutris*). Specimens will be salvaged from carcasses in the Alexander Archipelago of southeast Alaska, Nunivak Island, Alaska, the coast of Oregon, and the California Channel Islands. The application and related documents may be reviewed at the following locations:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);